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TO: Representatives of child care Institutions receiving CACFP reimbursement for at-risk afterschool snacks

FROM: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CDPHE-CACFP)

SUBJECT: Clarification regarding at-risk afterschool snacks for children who do not attend school

The CDPHE-CACFP has received clarification from the USDA Regional Office regarding at-risk afterschool snacks for children who attend a licensed childcare center during the day as part of the traditional CACFP, but do not attend school.

The traditional CACFP and the at-risk afterschool snack program are two distinct programs. Snacks served in the at-risk afterschool component of the CACFP are intended to support programs that involve at-risk children in enrichment activities at the end of the school day. Therefore, Institutions must claim afternoon snacks for children who do not attend school as part of the traditional CACFP meal service provided by the center.

Institutions may claim at-risk snacks served during the afterschool enrichment program for children who attend school during the day, and at-risk snacks served on weekends, holidays, or during school vacations during the school year. Institutions may not claim at-risk afterschool snacks during summer vacation in school areas with traditional school calendars. However, meals served during summer vacation to school age children (12 and under) are eligible for reimbursement as part of the traditional CACFP meal service.

There may be circumstances on an individual basis in which a pre-primary grade child might participate in an at-risk afterschool program. If this applies to a child attending one or more of your facilities, please contact the CDPHE-CACFP office at (303) 692-2330 for additional guidance.